

Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of North Carolina was in session, in this City, during the present week. The representation of delegates was quite a full one, and their proceedings have been marked by the utmost harmony and good feeling.

On Wednesday evening provision was made to liquidate the debt of \$14,000 with which the Trustees of St. John's College have been embarrassed; and the present seems to be that that institution will be in operation at no distant day. It is said to be one of the finest institutions in the State, and it is most eligibly located. This debt, however, looks rather large for by subscriptions; but being contingent, they are not now available; but will ultimately become so, when they will be applied to the college fund as an endowment.

The session was brought to a close on Thursday evening. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year :

Alfred Martin, Wilmington, G. M.
J. T. Alexander, Lincolnton, S. W.
J. M. Cox, Perquimans, J. G. W.
C. W. D. Hutchings, Raleigh, G. T.
W. T. Bain, Raleigh, G. S.

The following are the officers appointed by the Grand Master :

James W. Osborne, Charlotte, D. G. M.,
W. J. Pope, Hookerton, S. G. D.,
J. A. Murray, Alamance, J. C. D.,
Jas. McDaniel, Fayetteville, G. C.

District Deputy Grand Masters :
1st District, R. N. Forbes, Snow Hill,
2d " W. K. Blake, Fayetteville,
3d " Joshua Roberts, Asheville,
J. T. Littlejohn, Oxford, Grand Marshall.
E. F. Watson, Alamance, G. S. B.
A. Thomas, ———, G. P. Yr.
N. S. Taylor, Raleigh, G. T. P.

Committee of Foreign Correspondence :
J. T. Littlejohn, Oxford,
P. C. Gustis, Newbern,
J. McDaniel, Fayetteville.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

P. W. Fanning, Wilmington,
A. T. Jenkins, Newbern,
W. G. Hill, Raleigh—*Raleigh Standard*.

U. S. Circuit Court.

The tribunal, Mr. Justice Wayne presiding, virtually closed its session on Thursday last, after disposing of all the cases ready for trial on the several dockets. On Wednesday, the case of Edmund Wilkins of Northampton vs. the Schooner Alexina, in Admiralty, was argued by Messrs. Bailey, Miller and Hoffman for the defendant, and Messrs. Moore and W. A. Wright for the libellant, and Messrs. Moore and W. A. Wright for the defendant. His Honor on Thursday morning delivered a decree in favor of the libellant, awarding damages, interest and costs.

The District Attorney, with whom was associated Mr. Bailev, announced his readiness to try the several cases of the United States vs. John G. Gully, Messrs. Badger and Miller, the defendant's council, moved for continuance, and, upon affidavit, the Court continued the case until next Term.

The special Agent of the Government, S. G. Dodge Esq., has been indefatigable in investigating and preparing these cases for trial. Some two or three days after his arrival here, the Government Agent, that in these cases indicted were found, and the evidence sufficiently collected to enable the Counsel for the Government to press for a trial.

The defendant, Gully, being required to give bail to the amount of \$4,000, and failing, was committed.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, Marriotti, Esq., of this City, was appointed by Judge Wayne U. S. Commissioner of the Raleigh Standard.

The University.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina was held in the Executive Office, in this City, on Monday last—present, His Excellency Gov. Bragg, President Swain, and Messrs. Charles Manly, R. M. Saunders, William Eaton, Jr., John H. Bryan, Charles L. Hinton, D. W. Courts, and W. W. Holden.

The annual report of the Secretary and Treasurer (Gov. Manly) was submitted, presenting a full and satisfactory exhibit of the financial condition of the University.

A number of letters and testimonials were read, some of which forth the qualifications and claims of persons who are applicants for the Professorship of Chemistry and Geology, made vacant by the death of Dr. Mitchell. But after reading these, and after some conversation on the subject, it was unanimously determined to postpone the appointment to this Professorship until Monday the 4th day of next month, when it is hoped and believed a larger number of Trustees will be in attendance.

Adjourned 'till Standard.

Congress—Wednesday, Dec. 9.

SENATE.—The Chair laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances; also, two reports from the Secretary of State—one showing the disbursements of that department during the last fiscal year, and the other

tered in the general ports of entry of the United States during the year ending September 30, 1857. Mr. Gwin presented sundry joint resolutions of the legislature of California, and also gave notice of his intention to introduce a Pacific-railroad bill, and a bill to organize the Territory of Arizona.

At 12 o'clock the President rose at considerable length in review of the proceedings of the day, and to the views expressed thereon in the President's message. Messrs. Bigler and Mason addressed the Senate on the same topic. The further consideration of the subject was postponed until Monday next; and, after an executive session, the Senate adjourned.

On Monday, January 13, 1858, the consideration of Mr. Houston's resolution to proceed to the election of a printer for the House of Representatives for the Thirty-first Congress was resumed. The substitute of Mr. Smith, of Virginia, appointing a special committee to investigate the subject of the printing of Congress, was decided on the negative; when Mr. Houston's resolution

reserving the right of Congress to modify the resolution on this subject as it may see proper. Mr. Chase, of Steadman, of Ohio, was elected printer over Geo. M. Weston, by a vote of 121 to 89. Agreeably to an order of the House, the members then drew for seats.

Washington, Union.

CONGRESS—Thursday Dec. 9th.

SENATE.—Very little business was done, but at an early hour the Senate went into executive session, after which they adjourned until Monday next.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A communication was received from the Secretary of War, stating that the usual appropriation for the manufacture of arms was omitted by the House from the appropriation bill passed by the last Congress, and that the deficiency should be passed as soon as possible making the correction. Also, another communication announcing that the roll was ready for the use of the House of Representatives. On motion, the Speaker was authorized to appoint the standing committees. Mr. Dowdell, of Ala.

Gospel in this city be requested to open the daily services of the House with prayer, "without compensation." On Mr. Stephens's motion this clause was struck out, and the resolution adopted. A resolution was also adopted that the extra copies of documents printed by order of the House be delivered to the members of the present Congress. The House then adjourned to meet next—*Union*.

Further from the Utah Expedition.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—The letter from Fort Laramie expedition received by the Republican, the main points of which were telegraphed this morning, states that Captain Cook's command, comprising the 10th regiment of infantry, was at a point 150 miles west of Fort Laramie on the 24 of November. Thus far the traveling has been as pleasant as possible, the weather had become colder. Provisions were getting scarce, and the men giving out, and it is now apparent that great hardships will be before them. Still, notwithstanding the threats received from Salt Lake City, the entire army would proceed as rapidly as the elements and the supply of food

would permit to the winter quarters marked out by Col. A. S. Johnson, the commander of the expedition, on the Honey Forks of Green river. It was rumored that Brigham Young intends to fight the troops this winter as the best chance for an equal conflict, and then, before reinforcements can arrive in the spring, to destroy the possessions in Utah and proceed to some other country.